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2 point operate on good faith that people are going to be
3 making statements and there are accurate and honest
4 representations of their intentions in this process. And
5 what I thought I heard Counsel say, and it is clear he also
6 indicated that he is making these statements on his behalf
7 right now without having run it up the chain of command,
8 that it is not likely to file it with one day notice without
9 - - regardless of whether or not the 60 days has passed and
10 they have the opportunity to do it without some
11 understanding as to what is here. I mean, that clock is
12 running. But in my mind the 97-20 docket isn't the
13 important docket.

14 The important docket is the 64 docket. And
15 if we can all agree that that is the docket to focus on and
16 regardless of if the 60 days tolls and somebody would then
17 arguably have the right to file for a 271 application, that
18 we are not going to do that until we get some understanding
19 of working through that process in the 64 docket, then I
20 think it gives us the opportunity to proceed on a reasonable
21 basis and give us the time the Staff may need to flesh out
22 some ideas, the opportunity for competitors to raise some
23 issues and the opportunity for major players to resolve the
24 remaining issues in an interconnection agreement.

25 But I don't know how to be any more explicit
than to say, quite frankly, until we resolve the

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2 interconnection agreement between AT&T and Southwestern
3 Bell, I'm not going to support any statement that there is
4 competition in Oklahoma. To the extent that there is some
5 frustration about getting that resolved, then how can we
6 facilitate expediting that and getting it resolved, because
7 I was operating under the assumption that once we made an
8 arbitration decision, that was it. It was simply a pro
9 forma matter of getting the lawyers together, typing up the
10 document and making sure the engineers knew how to do it and
11 go on.

12 MR. TOPPINS: Your Honor, they never have to
13 do an agreement.

14 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: I understand. I
15 understand. But my point is that people have asked for this
16 Commission to use its authority to resolve the differences
17 that are between the parties. And my point is I would
18 intend to use that authority to the extent that I can to
19 bring it to final agreement and understanding.

20 If, however, it turns out that the parties
21 are not interested in formally bringing this to some sort of
22 consummation, then I think that raises the other issue then
23 as to, okay, well, what constitutes competition. Are you
24 going to tell somebody, no, you can't go to 271 because no
25 one wants to come to your yard and play? And if that's the
case, then you have to say, well, they offered some things,

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2 nobody wanted to do it, or they refused to work through the
3 problems, and you turn them lose.

4 But if it is a function of we are making good
5 faith efforts to resolve these differences and to negotiate
6 these and get them worked so we can all go out and compete
7 against one another, then I think we have an obligation to
8 do what we can, given our authority under whichever statute,
9 limited or broad it may be, to make sure that those deals
10 are consummated and not allow anybody, incumbent or
11 competitive LEC, to game the system.

12 And the question is: I worry about making
13 sure that intentions are high on this thing that everybody
14 has a relative comfort level that the process is going to
15 allow you a fair chance to work this out. I don't want
16 people to think they're getting steam rolled one way or the
17 other.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are you able at this
19 time to give the parties any guidance on your reading of
20 these statutes as to whether they stand alone, the 271 and
21 the 252, or whether some of the other arguments advanced as
22 to the legal relationship is the way to go?

23 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: My reading of 252 is
24 regardless of what we do if 60 days passes and a party
25 wishes to, they may then file. That doesn't preclude a
state commission from saying we don't care if it went into

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2 effect or not, we think it is not worth the paper it is
3 written on and we don't think it is sufficient to meet the
4 standards under 271 to allow the FCC to then turn them loose
5 into the interexchange markets. Now that's how I read it.

6 I would hope that we could avoid using that
7 sort of form over substance to get it to the FCC for review
8 of 271, but instead we can sit down and get the issues
9 squarely on the table and resolve them. That's not to say
10 that the value judgments that we make are going to make
11 everybody happy and that people won't then appeal whatever
12 decisions we make to whoever the appropriate authority is.
13 But the point is, you want people, I think, to feel
14 comfortable relatively with the process and know that they
15 had a chance to put their arguments on the table, and
16 somebody looked at it, and whether they agreed or disagreed
17 at that point becomes irrelevant because the process was
18 open and straight forward.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All right.

20 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: I don't want anybody to
21 think they have been - - that they had a bunch of paper
22 dumped on them and didn't have time to respond.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I'm not trying to be
24 smart, I'm just trying to expedite the late hour. So was
25 that a yes or a no?

CHAIRMAN GRAVES: I can't - - I gave you my

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2 answer, Bob, and I can't state it any other way.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. All right. I
4 would like to clarify that my willingness to uphold the ALJ
5 does not include accepting his interpretation of the
6 independence of those two statutes. And, Mr. Gray,
7 respectfully that is a comment that applies to your
8 statement of the interpretation also.

9 But in view of the fact that we are not going
10 to reach a decision tonight, I'm also going to reserve the
11 time that will be available for me to continue to review
12 these matters and deliberate further when we come to that
13 point.

14 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: Sure. Okay. That's fine.

15 MR. RUTAN: Could I make a comment picking up
16 on what you said?

17 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: Yes, sir.

18 MR. RUTAN: I think one thing is clear in
19 terms of the objectives that you were just talking about, we
20 basically lost two weeks between the 15th, or whatever, and
21 today. Or, no, I have got the date wrong. But we basically
22 have lost two weeks on this procedural issue.

23 Regardless of how this comes out, I think
24 your point is absolutely right. Whichever docket we're
25 talking about, we need to be moving ahead. I don't know
whether in your view it is at this point back in the Staff's

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2 responsibility to set a schedule for moving ahead in that
3 docket or whether that's still up in the air. But I know
4 AT&T would support trying to move ahead with that docket
5 even while you hold this decision in abeyance, because I
6 think everybody agrees that docket is going to go ahead.
7 And if we wait until you resolve that, and I'm not, you
8 know, suggesting how long it would take, but we potentially
9 can lose more time.

10 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: And that's why I began by
11 saying I think the 64 docket is the more important docket
12 and why we ought to proceed. And if there are concerns
13 that, gosh, that could potentially take six months, well,
14 that is not reasonable. We need to facilitate and expedite
15 that.

16 MR. RUTAN: But we would support setting up a
17 schedule for that as quickly as possible.

18 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: Well, I understand that
19 there was - - Ms. Thompson referenced some preliminary
20 procedural schedule, and I won't ask for it now, but I will
21 ask that the Commissioners see, you know, what is on the
22 table in 64 and reserve the right to check with advisory
23 counsel as to what is going on in that process. And we
24 won't make a decision at this point. And we will talk about
25 when we want to formally answer the questions in the 20 and
try and give you an answer more quickly in the 64 docket if

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2 we can.

3 The important thing is, I want folks to try
4 and reach some understanding as to where the relative
5 parties are. And I would hope and would expect good faith
6 efforts to move this process along.

7 MR. RUTAN: Right. And that is the other
8 reason that I rose at this point, was I was trying to
9 discern whether - - Would you like a status report from AT&T
10 and Southwestern Bell?

11 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: Well, we don't need it now.
12 And I was going to ask as to what, you know, the
13 requirements are about - - I don't want anybody to accuse us
14 later we didn't post, and all those kinds of things, and
15 that we give everybody adequate notice. But I would like to
16 know, yes, in some substantive detail where we are and why
17 we haven't reached an agreement. And if there are issues
18 that just can't be resolved, give us a chance to resolve
19 them.

20 MR. RUTAN: And is that something that you
21 want us to come to you with a proposed date or - -

22 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: Well, let's figure out
23 what our options are procedurally, and then we will let the
24 parties know.

25 COMMISSIONER APPLE: If I could invoke - -

MR. TOPPINS: He's talking about the

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2 interconnection?

3 MR. RUTAN: Right.

4 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: Right.

5 MR. RUTAN: The status of that. Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER APPLE: I would be encouraged by
7 the industry bringing to us recommendations and
8 alternatives, as opposed to them coming as divided as we
9 have seemed to have been. But, anyway, I would encourage
10 that very strongly. And we have invoked here today
11 Oklahoma being a benchmark. And I think we are all
12 interested. I think there is just a natural challenge for
13 us to do it well to be a leader in this. But that can only
14 come really with the strongest cooperation from those who
15 are going to be the providers. But I'm prepared to make
16 decisions on these issues after a little reflection here on
17 what we have all heard today. So I'm not opposed to making
18 a decision to get things going. But again, I think the time
19 frame clock is ticking. You all know what your
20 responsibilities are.

21 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: Okay. So with that
22 understanding, we will take it under advisement at this
23 point and visit with our advisory counsel as to what our
24 procedural options are.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And that's Cece Wood
over there?

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2 MS. WOOD: Is that me, sir? I guess I am the
3 only one in here.

4 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: You are the only Counsel in
5 here that hasn't argued today, so we are going to let you be
6 advisory counsel.

7 MS. WOOD: I guess it is then.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Your name is now on
9 the record.

10 MS. WOOD: I guess so.

11 CHAIRMAN GRAVES: And hopefully with that
12 understanding of the statements from the bench we could on
13 other related matters continue to make progress, because we
14 all have an obligation to get these things resolved.

15 And with that, we will close the record for
16 now.

17 (Whereupon, the record was closed.)

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2 COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)
3 STATE OF OKLAHOMA) ss.
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8 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

9 I, LYNETTE H. WRANY, Official Court Reporter within and
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12 complete transcript of the record made before the
13 Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma in Cause
14 Number PUD 970000020 and 970000064, heard on the 13th day of
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16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
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DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY)
DIVISION, OKLAHOMA CORPORATION)
COMMISSION TO EXPLORE THE)
REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 271 OF)
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.)

Cause No. PUD 970000064

MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. ("AT&T") and requests the Commission to issue an Order Establishing a Procedural Schedule in the above-styled Cause.

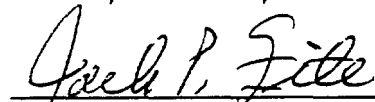
AT&T proposes the adoption of the Procedural Schedule attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

AT&T files this Motion pursuant to the directives given on February 13, 1997, by the Administrative Law Judge.

WHEREFORE, AT&T requests the adoption of the Procedural Schedule attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT "A"

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HEARING:

APPEARANCES:

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma ("Commission") being regularly in session and the undersigned Commissioners being present and participating, there comes on before the Commission for consideration the Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule filed by AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. ("AT&T").

The Commission finds that the Procedural Schedule should be as follows:

FEBRUARY 24	SWBT TO FILE FCC § 271 DOCUMENTATION AND MATERIALS
MARCH 14	ALL PARTIES TO FILE TESTIMONY
APRIL 4	ALL PARTIES TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY
APRIL 9	LAST DAY TO SERVE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
APRIL 14	LAST DAY FOR DEPOSITIONS
APRIL 14	ALL PARTIES TO EXCHANGE THE ORDER OF WITNESS LIST
APRIL 21	HEARING ON THE MERITS

GENERAL PROVISIONS

I. **PROCEDURE FOR DISCOVERY, OBJECTIONS, SUMMARIES AND STATEMENTS OF POSITIONS, AND EXHIBITS**

A. **Discovery and objections**

1. Discovery requests shall be responded to by all parties, within five (5) business days from receipt. Any objections to a discovery request shall be in writing and presented by the objecting party within four (4) business days of the receipt of the discovery request, and a hearing on such objection shall be set on the next motion docket, unless specially set on dates agreed to by the parties. All times specified herein for filing such documents shall be determined to be 3:00 p.m., unless specified otherwise or by agreement of the parties.

2. Any objections regarding prefiled testimony or qualification of any witness shall be filed by motion and set for hearing prior to the commencement of the hearing. Any such motion shall be heard on a regularly scheduled motion docket that precedes the commencement of the hearing.

3. Data requests and responses may be referred to and utilized as exhibits at the hearing.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Procedural Schedule set forth herein is hereby approved.

OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION

CODY L. GRAVES, Chairman

BOB ANTHONY, Vice Chairman

ED APPLE, Commissioner

DONE AND PERFORMED THIS _____ day of _____, 1997.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

CHARLOTTE W. FLANAGAN, Secretary

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Cause No. PUD 970000064

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. filed a Motion for Procedural Schedule.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Motion for Procedural Schedule will be heard before the Administrative Law Judge on the 19th day of February, 1997, at 8:30 a.m. before Bob Goldfield, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, in Courtroom B, First Floor, Jim Thorpe Office Building, 2101 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard and the Commission shall issue such Order and grant such relief as it deems fair, reasonable, necessary, proper and equitable in the premises.

For information concerning this Motion for Procedural Schedule, contact Jack P. Fite, Attorney for AT&T, 6520 N. Western Suite 300, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116, (405) 842-7545.

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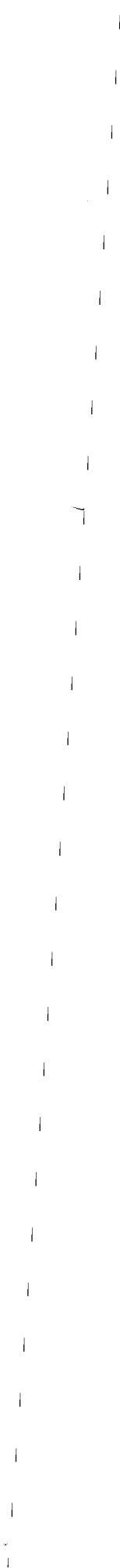
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**MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S
MOTION TO INTERVENE**

MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") files this motion for an order permitting it to intervene in this docket. In support of this motion, MCI states as follows:

1. Parties

MCI is authorized to provide intrastate intraLATA and interLATA interexchange telecommunications services in Oklahoma. The authorized representatives of MCI in this proceeding are:

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") is a telephone company which, *inter alia*, owns and operates local telephone exchanges and provides access to such local exchange services for MCI and other transmission companies.

2. Facts

MCI's status as an authorized provider of interexchange telecommunications services in Oklahoma and as a customer of SWBT's local exchange services demonstrates MCI's interest in the subject-matter of this proceeding and establishes its right to intervene under OAC 165:5-9-4.

3. Legal Authority

MCI's Motion To Intervene is filed pursuant to OAC 165:5-9-4.

4. Relief Sought

MCI requests that it be permitted to intervene and fully participate as a party of record in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,



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CAUSE NO. 970000064

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") filed its Motion To Intervene in this matter on February 14, 1997.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the request for protective order will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge at the Corporation Commission, Courtroom B, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m. on the 20th day of February, 1997.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Ronald E. Stakem, 101 Park Avenue, Suite 1000, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73102, (405) 232-4271.

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SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In response to the Administrative Law Judge's February 13, 1997 request, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) submits the attached proposed scheduling order in this docket.

This docket was opened in order to prepare the Commission to be able to respond to a request for consultation from the FCC under Section 271(d)(2)(B) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). To assist the Commission and its Staff in meeting their consultation responsibilities, Southwestern Bell is willing to provide reasonable advance notice of its intent to seek interLATA relief pursuant to Section 271 of the Act, along with the latest draft of its Section 271 filing package. Southwestern Bell believes that 30-40 days advance notice is reasonable, considering that this period will be supplemented by the minimum 20 day-period the FCC has granted state commissions. In addition, Southwestern Bell's filing package will largely consist of interconnection agreements that have been available for inspection by interested parties for months, as well as Southwestern Bell's Statement of Terms and Conditions which has been on file since January 15, 1997.

Because this docket is designed to assist the Commission in responding to a consultation request from the FCC, Southwestern Bell strongly believes the Commission's focus should be on the gathering of information that will permit the Commission to respond to the FCC's

consultation request in the most efficient and expeditious manner. To accomplish this Southwestern Bell believes that the Commission should utilize its rulemaking procedures, with one exception: it should permit its Staff to submit written requests for information to Southwestern Bell and other parties, with a quick turnaround time for responses. Southwestern Bell's proposed schedule, therefore, requires Southwestern Bell to file the latest draft of its Section 271 filing package with the Commission and make it available to intervenors. Intervenors are then provided an opportunity to file written comments on the filing package, followed by reply comments by Southwestern Bell. As in a rulemaking, a hearing would be held before the Commission *en banc* to allow arguments of counsel with respect to any remaining disputed issues. The schedule then permits the Commission to utilize the full 20 days provided by the FCC policy to deliberate and prepare its report to the FCC. Southwestern Bell respectfully suggests that its proposed procedural schedule represents the best way for the Commission to gather the information it needs to respond to the FCC yet allow Southwestern Bell to move ahead with the filing of its Section 271 petition at the FCC.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern Bell respectfully moves that the Commission adopt its proposed procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,



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